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The writer is in error regarding the number. The number set down in the census of '90 is 16, and it was not until the census of 1840 (printed in '43) that some enterprising individual discovered another slave as having existed in Vermont in 1790. The seventeenth slave was found in Windham County, and had as much of an existance as the other 16, and no more; but in all the subsequent censuses, including that of 1850, the number of 17 has been continued. From the book, under the head, "all other free persons in the State," appears the number 255, which would seem to show that the mistake was deliberate or that the text was changed to suit the error.

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